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— from A New Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

Oct. 13, 1978

Dear Paul,

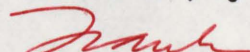
Here are the minutes, etc. of the last meeting. And also most of an application from the Columbus Tenants' Union. Could you check this out?

I hope to get some kind of summary of applications on hand in the mail in 10 days or so. So far there aren't too many, though there have been quite a few inquiries.

I spent an interesting (but basically depressing) couple of days in Philadelphia visiting an old friend in PWOC. Though they are the leading "anti-dogmatist" group, they are still pretty dogmatic, in my opinion. For example, the most recent reading selection in their introductory study group, not counting things from their own paper, was ~~Re~~ Dimitrov's speech on the "United Front" etc. And none of their readings were about American conditions, etc. Still, ~~it~~ it was pretty interesting: they are active in the stop Rizzo movement; and a (to me) surprising piece of news is that a majority of their org. is women. I ~~had~~ had been thinking about doing something for the newsletter about the Rizzo movement, but it's pretty much all voter registration work, and wouldn't make much of a story.

The ~~nicest~~ nicest part of my visit was meeting up with someone from the Miners Support Committee of Southern West Virginia, who has since moved to Philly. She is writing, with two others, a history of the the Support Committee's work, which I hope will get steered past the RCP cadre and into Radical America one of these days.

Resist business is ok, though I have been worrying for the last week or so that money is slow coming in; and have been spurred to do some more mailings. If the World Series goes six games, I should get everything into the mail and we should have the regular amount of \$ by the ~~time~~ time of the next meeting.



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Minutes of the September Meeting

Present: Frank B.; Frank J.; Louis, Paul, and Mary-Louise.

The NEXT MEETING will be at Mary-Louise's on November 5 at 11 am., at 34 Soden St., Cambridge, MA; 354-5263. The FOLLOWING MEETING will be on December 17 in New York, place to be determined.

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Introductory business: Frank J. reported on the General Baker (Michigan) campaign for congress (he finished 2nd in the Democratic primary, with 17% of the vote); and Paul reported on his trip to Germany and the political situation in Berlin.

Proposal for Reorganization: We have had several small (some very small) meetings recently. Also, Resist does little now except raising funds and making grants. We decided to have a brief discussion about the problem, circulate some notes for further discussion, and make some definite DECISIONS at the December meeting.

Louis suggested that monthly grant meetings could be held in Boston, with occasional general meetings of the whole board. He also urged that ~~more~~ more work be done on checking out grant applications.

Frank J thought that we don't need a meeting every month, but didn't want just the Boston group to do all the grants. He suggested bi-monthly or quarterly meetings, with Boston people handling emergency grants. -- This would raise the more general problem of distinguishing "emergency" grants from regular applications. He also urged that we try to develop some political/funding strategy for 1979.

Paul thought that it would be helpful for us to have discussions of particular political areas (e.g., South Africa) as preparation for potential grant. He also thought that we could have monthly meetings for grants with broader meetings every 3 or 4 months. He is in Ohio this year, and will have trouble making monthly meetings. He suggested that Frank B. prepare and mail packets of info on grant applications before the meeting, so that board members could participate more in checking out applications.

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GRANTS

We made the following grants: \$300 to the Texas Farm Workers Union; \$100 to the Repression Information Project; \$250 to 60 Words Per Minute; \$200 to the Argentine Coalition of Boston; \$50 to the Center on Law and Pacifism; \$100 to the New England Supporters of Silkwood; and \$200 to the Anti-Martial Law Alliance.

DENIALS

We felt that CHAIN (California) should easily find other sources of support; that the Coalition for Prisoners' Rights in Santa Fe didn't seem to have any real organizing going on besides their newsletter. We told Little Flags Theatre of Boston that we did not want to support their trip to Stearns, KY, but would be glad to get other requests to e.g. help with fund raising. The work of the Northern California Land Trust did not seem to fit into any of our priorities; and the Solar Age Press of West Virginia wanted money to publish pamphlets that didn't seem very useful to us.

ALSO: We voted \$100 contingency money to the A Farm Labor Organizing Committee of Toledo, but Frank J. said that after checking with them they would prefer to hold off and apply for money ~~to~~ to help with their organizing next spring. Also, the application from the Partido La Raza Unida was sent to Carlos for ~~a~~ checking.

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To do
 - next meetings
 - new members
 - Germany

REPORT FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Income for August was up about 50% over last year, though still not very high. There were 2 new pledges, bringing our total to about 150, up about 50% from last year at this time.

Our bank account stands at about \$2500 as of the meeting. On October 1 we will have to pay \$450 for the Liberation bankruptcy legal fees. I think we have enough money to give \$2000 in grants this month.

August Income=

Pledges (106)	\$1303.60
Contributors Mailing (15)	690.00
Newsletter (23)	192.00
Liberation (7)	80.00
Old Mailings (5)	130.50
Total (156)	<u>\$2396.10</u>

Also, we made a loan/grant of \$300 in May to the Elizabeth Stone House, in Boston. They repaid \$100 on Sept. 1.

Expenses

Office expenses remain about \$1000/month to pay Frank, rent, taxes, etc.; and the newsletter now costs a little under \$500/issue.

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New Structure

① no political activity beyond fundraising - granting
= little coalition work anyway;

② possibility

LK [monthly Boston grant meetings
occasional (regular) general meetings
- more work on checking out grant stuff -

FI - don't need a meeting a month - ;
but doesn't want Boston people doing all the grants
- suggests bi-monthly or quarterly meetings, w/ Boston
people handling emergency grant apps. -
- ∴ need to think about what are emergency grants -
- would like to consider whether we should
have some political/funding strategy for 1973

PL = would be helpful to look at particular areas (o.g.
S. Africa) (to prepare ourselves for potential grants) -
- will have trouble making all meetings (financial &
distance) while in this ...
= can organize packets of info re: grants -
- keep monthly meeting for \$; have broader
meetings every 3 or 4 months -

LK - hard to get people to do the board work etc
because it's not ~~not~~ "political" work

FB = packets
checking out -

Next meeting

November 5 - Mary-Louise -
December 17 = NY

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SEPTEMBER GRANT APPLICATIONS

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Yes 300
- ✓ 2. Chain (California Housing Action and Information Network) -- organizing a campaign for rent rebates around proposition 13; deferred last month for checking.
No

new business

- ✓ 3. The Repression Information Project (Washington, DC) -- would like any sum to help publish the third issue of Public Eye; we turned them down last December when they wanted money.
Yes - small 100
- ✓ 4. Coalition for Prisoners' Rights (Santa Fe, NM) -- up to \$500 to help support ~~their~~ their newsletter.
No
- ✓ 5. Little Flags Theatre (Boston) -- about \$400 to help support a trip to Stearns, Ky. to give a benefit performance of Mother Jones for the Stearns strikers.
Not for this but Yes
- ✓ 6. 60 Words Per Minute (Washington, DC) -- a newly-formed org. of office ~~work~~ workers would like any sum to support their office worker survey and/or publication of their newsletter.
Yes 250
- ✓ 7. Northern California Land Trust (San Francisco) -- owns land and advises other groups on forming land trusts; would like \$\$ for support of operating expenses
No
- ✓ 8. Solar Age Press (West Virginia) -- would like any sum to help support the publication of ~~xx~~ several pamphlets.
No
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200

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\$ 200. 14. Anti-martial Law Alliance

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Frank J - General Baker Campaign

- finished just 9 - ahead of black state & other candidates
progressive vote split among 3
- campaign achieved a lot
1000+ votes (17%) → educational exp. on local issues =
- ITT too obsequious toward "the black state"

Louis K - Legge Reale

Paul - Berlin

CDU can win campaign (?)

strength of free Dems has been eroded by single issue campaigns, eg. environmentalist -

Berlin organized via neighborhoods ("villages") -

Berlin - economically unstable - crime rate ← drugs ← Germany

Turkish workers - laws regulating proportion of

Turkish workers in neighborhoods -

anti-terrorist presence →

SPD trying to Berlin a center for think tanks & intellectual activity -

11/19
12/19
1/19
2/19

Carlos

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check out

check work
conduct

integrate Silkwood case
into T.U. work

scribbled out

14

Anti-Martial Law Alliance -- ??

put aside & find out how much they (200)